PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3816, ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

JULY 18, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. QUILLEN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 483]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 483, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 3816, the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1997 under an open rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill. The rule provides for priority in recognition of those amendments that are preprinted in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15 minute vote. The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.